

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held February 11

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Trustee Zobel.

Trustee Zobel asked that anyone who wished to have a moment of reflection stay seated, or they could stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present

Trustee Zobel, Trustee Ciamacco, Trustee Adkins, and Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer.

Also in attendance were John Belford, Police Chief; Pat Myers, Administrator; and Brian Miller, Westerville/Blendon Fire Chief

Swearing in of Aja Chung—Trustee Ciamacco swore in Aja Chung. Chief Belford presented Detective badges for Aja Chung and Taylor Maihle.

Public Comment

Trustee Zobel discussed how, at the previous meeting, Public Comment had some rule changes. Residents get about 5 minutes at the beginning of the meeting and about 3 minutes at the end of the meeting.

No one spoke during Public Comment.

Trustee Comment

Trustee Adkins—Trustee Adkins discussed the OTA conference he attended along with April, Eric, and Pat, stated he learned a lot of information regarding how we are expected to manage our meetings, the possibility of grants and partnerships with organizations that can help us improve our township. He is looking forward to ongoing learning throughout the year and the conference next year. During one of the session he got information regarding upcoming ADA compliance requirements for the township website and have initiated discussion with Pat on how we're going to pursue a review and some options on what we can do to make sure we're ADA compliant in the future.

Trustee Ciamacco—Trustee Ciamacco provided information on the number of police runs for January. During the month of January alone, the police made 348 runs, and the breakdown is as follows:

Huber Ridge: 61

Sunbury Woods: 6

Cleveland Heights: 12

Hoover East: 9

The additional runs not included in the preceding totals are for areas outside of neighborhoods (Westerville Road, industrial parks, Sunbury Road, 161, 270, etc.).

Trustee Ciamacco and Administrator Myers attended the first JEDZ meeting for 2026 with primary discussions around the Sunbury Road corridor improvements. They will provide updates as they hear more.

The Triennial Property Value Update. This is a state-required process that updates values for every property in the county. As part of the process the Auditor's office has launched the 2026 Know Your Home Value website (<https://audr-kyhv.franklincountyohio.gov/>), a one-stop shop website that features detailed information on the Triennial Update. The new website shows the timelines of the Triennial Update, a printable PDF Triennial Guide, options available to homeowners who disagree with their newly assigned property value (which will be available in June), and answers to frequently asked questions. The goal is to make the Triennial Property Value Update easy to understand and to ensure owners have a voice in the process. In March, the updated property values will be sent to the Ohio Department of Taxation for review. Once they have been approved, property values will be available to property owners online and mailed to them in June 2026. If an owner disagrees with the tentative value, they will be able to schedule a Property Value Review session with the Auditor's office appraisal representatives from July through September via the Know Your Home Value website. Property values will be finalized in December. In addition, the Board of Revision will hold Mobile Filing Events to Assist Homeowners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Franklin County Auditor's Office at (614) 525-HOME (4663) or at auditorstinziano@franklincountyohio.gov.

Trustee Zobel—Trustee Zobel echoed Trustee Adkins comments about being at the OTA conference and that one of the big takeaways was the availability of grants for the township. She also brought up wanting to have a conversation about adding a resident Q&A section in the middle of the regular meetings. Trustee Adkins and Ciamacco asked for some time to think about it.

Fiscal Officer Report

Minutes—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the January 28, 2026, Minutes. Trustee Adkins motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Approval of Purchase Orders—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the Purchase Orders presented. Trustee Zobel motioned to approve the purchase orders as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Bills—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the bills presented. Trustee Zobel motioned to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2026-05 Amend Permanent Appropriations—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees for approval of Resolution 2026-05 in the amount of \$53,150.00. She explained that a Police cruiser was totaled. They will get insurance proceeds for all but \$17,000.00. The appropriation is for the replacement and associated upfitting of a new cruiser. Trustee Ciamacco moved to approve as presented. Trustee Adkins seconded. All voted yes.

Administration/Human Resources

Resolution 2026-04 Amending Regular Meeting Schedule to add monthly Trustee Work Sessions—Administrator Myers asked the Board for approval of Resolution 2026-04, which amends previous Resolution 2025-17. This is to add work sessions on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30PM, prior to the scheduled Regular Trustee Meeting. Trustee Zobel moved to approve as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded.

Discussion: Trustee Zobel clarified that the work sessions are public.

All voted yes.

Donation Acceptance—Administrator Myers asked the Board to accept a donation of a PhysioStep Recumbent Elliptical Cross Trainer for the Senior Center from Bob and Ruth-Anne Foley. Trustee Zobel moved to graciously accept as presented. Trustee Adkins seconded.

Discussion: Trustee Ciamacco thanked them for the donation.

All voted yes.

Announcements—Administrator Myers gave an announcement regarding an upcoming concert at the Senior Center on 2/22/26. The band is Kenny and Amanda, and they will play from 2-4pm. Senior Center members get in for free; non-members pay \$5.00 to enter. He contacted White Castle, and they are donating some sliders.

Administrator Myers discussed the parking signs on Varadero Dr. After varying discussions, he gave the feedback that they were put there many years ago, and the Franklin County Engineers Office is not against the signs being removed. Chief Miller stated he may need to check it out first to make sure the engines can fit. Matt Newman stated the plows can get through fine, so Chief Miller was fine with the signs being removed.

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Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Matt Newman discussed available 9-foot plots in the cemetery and suggested they be sold as cremation plots, at a discounted rate. The Board asked for comps on this in order to determine the price. He will get those comps and get back to them.

Police

Trustee Ciamacco asked Chief Belford to discuss street-parked vehicles during snow emergencies. He clarified that there are signs posted that allow them to tow cars during a snow emergency. He is often asked why cars are not towed. He explained how officers are very busy during these emergencies, responding to crashes or weather-related alarm calls. The high call volume during that time does not allow them to focus on the parked vehicles. When there is time, it can be very difficult to get a tow truck to respond to the location, which they consider a low-priority complaint. These parked vehicles can be owned by elderly, disabled, sick, absent, etc. Many snow emergencies are over within 24 hours, limiting the amount of time they have to respond. Trustee Ciamacco suggested that once the community advisory groups are established, putting a notice out to everyone about moving cars.

Chief Belford asked the Board for approval of a purchase order for a 2025 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$46,648.00. Trustee Zobel moved to approve as presented. Trustee Adkins seconded. All voted yes.

Fire

Chief Miller discussed broken sprinkler pipes that they have been responding to. Also advised that there has been black ice and to walk like a penguin.

After Chief Miller spoke, Administrator Myers asked for a consensus from the Board to allow Zoning Director Eric Moore to get his CDL, so he is available to drive the plow or Senior Center bus as needed.

Public Comment (Meeting Related)

One resident spoke up and asked if the township has ever considered opening parking to one side of the street. Trustee Zobel said it is something to consider, but nothing is in the works. Trustee Ciamacco stated there is this issue in virtually every area in Central Ohio, but there is room for improvement.

P. Clegg (Makassar Dr.)—She asked if there would be an area in the minutes for public comment summarization. She also suggested that there be more information added for the Trustee Comment on the agenda. The Board emphasized that it is difficult to narrow down specifically, especially when the comments are typically done at the last minute, so the agenda would not be accurate.

Announcements

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, will be the next Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:30 PM at the same location, 6330 Hempstead Rd., Westerville, Ohio, and live-streamed on YouTube (The work-session will be held at 5:30PM.)

Executive Session

Trustee Zobel stated that Executive Sessions are not secret meetings, but a portion of a public meeting that the law requires to be held privately when discussing very specific topics such as the discipline of a public employee. Any action taken (if any) will occur once the Board returns to the public portion of the meeting.

Trustee Zobel moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:11PM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the discipline of a public employee and taking any action deemed necessary and desirable in connection with those purposes. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Zobel moved to return to the Regular Trustee Meeting at 7:56PM. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Zobel moved to approve conditional offers of employment to Justin Finehout and Shea Ramsden . Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Zobel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57PM. Trustee Ciamacco seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Approved by:

April Zobel, Chairperson

Approved by:

Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer